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LOCAL AND STATE NEWS.

The "Local's" Salutatory.—Although yesterday was the 1st day of January, 1865, yet to-day, for all practical purposes, may be considered New Year's day; and the "Local" avails itself of it to announce that he is now one of the "institutions" of the *Progress* establishment, and hopes to add something to the daily visits of the paper. He invites correspondence for his department, but he will pay no attention to any communication not accompanied by a responsible name. He will at all times be thankful for local items and facts of general interest. With this brief introduction, he makes his bow, wishes every body (that deserves it) a happy New Year, and hopes that a further and better acquaintance with the readers of the *Progress* will be mutually pleasant, interesting, entertaining, agreeable and instructive.

Municipal Elections.—Two weeks from to-day (16th inst., the voters of Raleigh will elect a Mayor and 9 Commissioners. Whether or no opposition to Mayor Harrison, the present excellent incumbent. No doubt but there are some that would like to defeat him, but we think they will be afraid to attempt it. Candidates for Commissioners, we learn, are numerous, but we have no official information of the fact. A legal friend of the Local says that in the Eastern Ward there are 147 voters, more or less, of whom 120, more or less, are candidates; in the Middle Ward 87 voters, more or less, of whom 61, more or less, are candidates; and in the Western Ward 162 voters, more or less, of whom 92, more or less, are candidates. From expressions we frequently hear in Market, the candidates for Commissioners will probably have to "define their positions" on what is called "McKee's platform," which is to prohibit negroes from buying and selling in the market, and also to prohibit persons from purchasing provisions to market to sell again. We think it is time something was done to regulate our market, and to give white folks a chance. What say the people? The Local would like to hear from them.

P S Since writing the above J. J. Overby, Esq., has handed in a Card announcing himself a candidate for re-election in the Eastern Ward. We shall place others under the head of "City Election" as fast as handed in.

The Old Year and the New Year.—The old year died hard. No wonder, for it has been an awful sinner. Saturday morning was warm, then we had rain, then hail, then snow, and then rain, hail and snow all together. Finally a high wind blew the old year out, and the morning of Sunday, the first day of the new year, dawned with a clear sky, but an exceedingly cold atmosphere. The old year was buried beneath frozen clouds; and the infant feet of the new year trod icicles with the first steps it made in this portion of the moral (or immoral) vineyard.

A (Dee)-ead Hoax.—Some mischievous person pasted a printed slip on our Bulletin Board on Saturday night or Sunday morning, headed —"Glorious News!—Abe Lincoln Certainly Dead!—The Confederacy Recognized by the United States Congress," &c. We assure such persons as may have been deceived by this ridiculous attempt at wit, that it was not done by any one in our employment and that as soon as we discovered it we pulled it down. We suppose it was the work of some "Printer's Devil" upon whose perverse nature the pious labors of Sabbath Schools have been thrown away.

The Theatre at Wilmington was re-opened on Friday night with the play of "Serious Family," a very appropriate piece to follow the services at the church witnessed last week but a few miles down the city.

Supreme Court.—Opinions delivered in the following cases:

By Pearson C. J. In Patrick v. Cary, in equity, from Greene, demurer sustained, bill dismissed. In Coley v. Ballance, in equity, from Wayne, directing decree accordingly. In Jones v. Clark, in equity, from Edgecomb; error—cause reversed.

By Battle, J. In Wood's case (habeas corpus) order reversed, petitioner discharged. In H. Clark's case; same. In Blanch v. Goodin, from Halifax, judgement reversed and judgement here for plaintiff. In Herring v. Kornegay, in equity, from Wayne; decree for an account. In Jenkins v. Faulcon, in equity, from Halifax, demurer sustained, and bill dismissed.

By Manly, J. In Lane v. Lane, in equity, from New Hanover, declaring the rights of the parties. In J. Casey's case, remanding the prisoner to the custody of the officer. In Godry's case, the same. In G. Casey's case, the same. In Cook's case, judgment affirmed—petitioner to remain in custody of the officer.

Death of Maj. MacRae.—The Wilmington *Confederate* of Friday says:

We are pained to announce the death of this

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valuable gentleman and brave soldier. Colonel D. Keller, late Sheriff of this County, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock of typhoid pneumonia, after a week of severe illness and suffering. He died in the night of the 26th ult., and leaves a loving and grateful wife and many dearest friends, whose sorrowing hearts only God will be able to bind up and heal. Col. Keller enlisted the earliest in the disasterous days of the war, and was twice severely wounded. The last wound brought on paralysis, which compelled him to leave the field. He was elected Sheriff of New Hanover county, at the last election in August.

Northern News.

Northern papers of the 26th furnish the following interesting summary of Northern news:

The Nashville *Journal* of the 25th to hand of the Yankee occupation of Murfreesboro'. It says:

The telegraph has been every where and is flying. Hill, and yesterday morning, Thursday, [illegible] telegraphed here for additional force to be sent out to gather the rebel stragglers, who must be found everywhere in the surrounding country.

It is said that, in passing through Franklin, the rebels gutted all the stores and a number of private residences. In Henry county they have been committing everybody they [illegible] many, and outdoing the savages of all who had fled the enterprise. It is thought they will make a free use of cold-lead on their way to the states of Columbia, now that they have to leave. A citizen of Columbia informs us that nearly all the mills in Henry county had been burned by the Federals when they were evacuating that region, and when the rebels shall have left the country the citizens can find themselves penury by several millions of dollars.

General James B. Steedman, of the Fourth corps, army division, made a lively fight on Saturday afternoon, near Duck river, and capturing two flags, belonging to the Fourth and Thirteen Louisiana cavalry, together with about a hundred and fifty prisoners, including several commissioned officers, two brigade quartermasters, and the entire regimental commissary of those said regiments of brave. The flag of the Thirteen Louisiana was [illegible] and torn, and rotten ground, with blue cross, and the [illegible] bearing the arms. That of the Fourteenth Louisiana (previously by Colonel [illegible] who [illegible] tured,) is a magnificent one. The ground is red bunting, with a cross made of heavy white [illegible] the border of blue velvet 6in, to which [illegible] the arms. The flag bears the following inscription: "Jackson, Port Hudson, Baton Rouge and Bolivar."

The Spanish says:

The number of prisoners captured from Hood, including his wounded found in Franklin, will, it is now supposed, reach from nine thousand to ten thousand, embracing one hundred and four brigadiers. Among the latter is Wilson A Quarles, of Clarksville, who was taken in our hostile raid. Brigadier of Banks, in this State. He was wounded in the battle of Franklin. The number of cannon captured is thought, including two [illegible] and three between Franklin and Spring Hill. It is supposed this is nearly all the artillery Hood had.

A large force has been put to work to repair the Decatur railroad, and trains will soon follow the army.

A gentleman who conversed with General Chambers a few days before the battle around this city, gives the following information, gathered from the officer in command: "We intend to be found everywhere in the surrounding country."

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WATCH FOR THE GOOSE HASH.

[illegible] the Editorial charge of the Second Department of these Progress," and we hope, though his entire [illegible] to make their new acquaintance the pleasure of the paper. The LOCALISM is well qualified for the duties and responsibilities he has assumed, and we have given him full license to coin and slash away as he chooses; and we hope he will be able to promote an acceptable dish on the breakfast table of every house in the city. Every incident and sentiment of a local character will be faithfully recorded.

We have never seen a funeral procession, however well gotten up, better calculated to excite a feeling of gloom and sadness than have been the "leaders" of some of the Richmond papers for the past few days. The fact is no one can read the speculations and wild and extravagant propositions of the metropolitan journals without coming to the conclusion that they have despaired of the cause, and that they and the rulers for whom they speak are ready to sell out these Southern States to any foreign power or powers that will take the trouble to furnish overseers for them.

The country is first startled by a proposition from the *Enquirer* to abolish slavery, on a condition to European intervention and assistance; and this is followed by the declaration, by the *Sentinel*, that, rather than again become a part and parcel of the American Union, the people of the South ask to become the subjects of some one or more of the crowned heads of Europe. Anything and everything is to be given up so we can get clear of the Yankees. Slavery, the thing and the only thing for which we went to war, is to be voluntarily surrendered, and all the evil consequences which secessionists told us would follow its abolition, is to be endured, and a foreign yoke accepted, rather than make an attempt to save slavery, under the Constitution of our fathers. We believe, and have believed for the last two years, that existing troubles could be settled, provided we had the right men in the right place, by compromise and conciliation, in a way that would save our honor and our property; but the people have been ignored and their servants seem to have gone mad.

The people of the South have yielded all that has been demanded of them, but their concessions have been squandered, their counsels have been treated with contempt; and now they are calmly asked to transfer themselves to those very despotisms from which their ancestors poured out their best blood to free them.

The *Sentinel* of the 28th, in a gloomy article concerning the condition of the country, say:

"Let the government do whatever it needs, and we will do any thing; and if it be for us to surrender our homes, our lands, our horses, our money, or ourselves, it must have them."

Yes, give up everything, and what do we get in return? Conscriptions, impressments, suspension of *Habeas Corpus* and *Military Despotism*. These are facts, and it is the existence of these facts that has caused the gloom and despondency which pervades the land. The Congress of the Confederate States, instead of rising to the magnitude and importance of the occasion, and acting as the free and independent representatives of a brave and independent countrymen, have been subjugated by the terrorism of those in authority, and sit with closed doors merely to record the will of [illegible].

But we quote again from the *Sentinel*. That paper is the organ of Mr. Davis and is supposed to utter his views. It says:

"The clouds that have thickened over us admonish us of the possibility that the time may come when Statesmanship, if it cannot deliver us, must at least secure to us the most honorable settlement of our misery; if it cannot save us, must at least save us from the Yankees. We lately published from a thoughtful correspondent a suggestion," that in the event of being unable to maintain our independence, we should stipulate to hold the lands of those from whom we received title per purchase, &c., and the lands of Britain, France and Spain, rather than yield it to the Yankees."

We have no idea that any of these powers want or would have these States, with our rebel debt their shares; for the bargain could not be consummated without [illegible] United States, in which the world would ultimately become involved, but if the powers that enjoy or all of them should agree to relieve us, what would the people themselves say to becoming the subjects, by choice, of England, France or Spain? [illegible] know that our Cabinet and Congress are under the habit of consulting the people relative to their own affairs and that which concerns them most, but would they not consult with one another before quietly submitting to the cutting of the throat of both? We think so. And we now tell those ambitious creatures, who are so anxious to place the people of these Southern States under a monarchy, with all its grinding exactions and privileged classes, that there will be my open, war and revolution, until the people have it all to themselves and no [illegible] people of these Southern States, the source of all power and the creators of Presidents, Cabinets and Congresses will demand a Republican form of government, and one that will protect their persons and property; and the Yankees, if they [illegible]

The time has come when the condition of our affairs demands that the people should pause for a moment and determine on the best course of action, and when this course is marked out let them compel those whom they have chosen to administer their affairs, to walk therein. If we only had statesmen in the South with the ability and moral nerve to defy military terrorism, and rise to the majesty of full grown men and the importance of the occasion, there would be no necessity for the surrender of either our slave property or our liberties. But our deliverance, if it come at all, must come through the sovereign States, each acting through its constituted authorities and all in concert; and not from them at Richmond whose mismanagement and narrow selfishness has wrecked and well nigh ruined our cause.

If North Carolina means to try to save anything from the fragments let her representatives, when they meet on the 17th instant, invite the co-operation of their sister States, and act at once. The *Sentinel*, the organ of the President, tells us that it may be necessary to invoke statesmanship to get something better than subjugation.—It is evident the chronic condition in which we have lingered for three years is about to undergo a great change, and what is to be done must be done quickly.

WAR NEWS.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have Augusta papers to the 29th and Charleston papers to the 28th, but they contain but little news. The *Mercury* says:

Much of our intelligence from Sherman at this time is necessarily of a somewhat vague and uncertain character. We believe, however, that it is pretty well ascertained that he has, as yet, undertaken no new movement, though it is reported that he has reinforced Foster's expedition against the Charleston and Savannah Railroad. The bulk of his army is encamped about the outskirts of Savannah, while a small garrison suffices to preserve order within the city.

Sherman is evidently driving to conciliate the people of Savannah. At all buildings, whether public or private, where there has been any appearances of trouble, he has stationed a guard, and in other respects he seems doing his best to reconcile the people to their yoke. He does not, however, express any such disposition towards the South Carolinians, on whom neither he nor his subordinates ever lose an opportunity of vowing vengeance, fire and inevitable.

The *Courier* of Tuesday gives the newest news from the coast.

It is reported that Sherman has sent a force from his army around to the assistance of Foster's troops on the Coosawhatchie. The enemy's batteries in that quarter have increased, as evinced by the continuous shelling of the railroad, doing, however, very little damage. Their cavalry continue to scour the country around, Hardeeville. In other respects affairs in that quarter are unchanged.

A gentleman who left Savannah Thursday night states that Sherman had sent about three regiments into the city as a guard. The remainder of his army was encamped outside the city. Sherman, it was stated, had offered the Mayor every assistance in preserving order and had stationed guards for the protection of private houses, stores and buildings. So far as our informant had observed citizens were unmolested and all private property respected.

Our informant states that Sherman demanded the surrender of the city of Savannah unconditionally, stating that if complied with favorable terms would be shown to the garrison, but if not that he would proceed to take it either by assault, bombardment, or the more sure process of starvation; and if taken in that manner no quarter would be given to the garrison, nor would he be responsible for the conduct of his troops.—He afterwards sent a copy of Gen. Hood's demand for the surrender of Dalton.

Sherman's Inspector General, who was bearer of the flag of truce with this, informed one of our officers, Captain Washburn, that Sherman came very near being killed a day or two previous by a fragment of shell from our side. His body servant was killed and Sherman barely escaped by dodging behind a rock.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY IN NORTHWESTERN GEORGIA.

From a gentleman from up the road we learn the following news from the country above Atlanta.

Manassas, formerly Cassville, the county seat of Bartow county, was almost entirely destroyed by the Yankees. Three churches and only four houses of all that is left to mark the spot where lately stood a thriving village.

All the business houses in Calhoun, Gordon county, we are also informed, were destroyed.

All the business houses in the town of Cartersville, were burned, the Baptist Church was pulled down, the pulpit from the Presbyterian, and the benches from the Methodist church were removed and destroyed. The houses of Col. Tarlin, Major Benham, Mr. Prescott, and Mrs. Leake, in the neighborhood of Cartersville, were also either burned or pulled down.

The mills in Bartow county were generally spared. But the people were stripped almost entirely of their horses, mules and stock of every kind.

A large number of deserters and bushers were roaming over the upper counties, committing depredations on the inhabitants.

Of affairs in Savannah an Augusta paper says:

From a gentleman who visited Savannah last Sunday under flag of truce, we learn that everything is perfectly quiet in the city, and that a number of steamboats crowded in the river, something like old times.

Private property has been respected, and with

[illegible] Gen. Headquarters [illegible] Green [illegible] Howard [illegible] Gen. Ward's and Mr. [illegible]

The city is to be garrisoned [illegible] troops under the command of Gen. Foster.

Gen. Sherman has by an order refused to receive any more flags of truce from subordinate officers, and says if his troops running on the river are fired into, he will shell every dwelling in the city to leave it immediately.

FROM WILMINGTON.

THE LATEST NEWS.

The *Carolinian* of Thursday says:

The fact that so long threatened our city after receiving from Fort Fisher what Paddy gets the drum, has at last abandoned, for the present, the attack and returned to the North. There remains now no more than the usual blockading fleet off the bar. This gigantic effort to capture Wilmington, may be set down as one of the most magnificent failures on record. The causes that have brought about this result are, first, that splendid work of engineering skill, Fort Fisher, which successfully withstood every attempt to reduce it—in fact, was in no way injured by the terrific bombardment to which it was subjected. Secondly, we had Generals who are peculiarly suited for defensive warfare where good engineering usually turns the tide of battle. Thirdly we had, even though at this late day, gallant soldiers who upon many a bloody field have whipped and rewhipped the same Yankees.

One of the great secrets of their early abandonment of the project, is attributable to the fact that, during the gale of last week, we are informed that their horses had to be thrown overboard, the consequence being that they could not use field artillery.

We have not yet received an authentic statement of our losses by capture and casualties, but presume they are small. We noticed the fact, in a late issue of the *Carolinian*, that Captain Southerland's Company had charge of Battery Anderson at the time of its capture by the enemy. This was a fact, but it was not true that any portion of the command was captured. We learn that Maj Reese's battalion of Junior Reserves, at that point, was bagged by the enemy.

The same paper of Friday says:

We are informed that twenty-one of the enemy's fleet were seen off Masonboro' Sound on Wednesday last. Another account represents forty-four to have been lying around the point. We give these reports for what they are worth. Last night there could only be seen the usual blockading squadron. Wilmington is safe again for the present, and things go on in their usual way.

BOMBARDMENT OF FORT FISHER.

We have heard it said that there were over twenty thousand shells thrown into Fort Fisher, and we think it quite probable. For hours they averaged over thirty a minute, as they well might from so many ships and guns. Sometimes we think they fired even faster than this.

The failure of the Yankees here seems to have been one of the most complete in the history of the war. They were foiled as neatly as could well be imagined, and the best of the thing is that there can be no wrangling over the honors. It was all done by North Carolina troops under their own tried leaders, for Col. Lamb, although a Virginian by birth, is the chosen Colonel of a North Carolina regiment, and Gen Whiting has his home here, while Gen. Bragg, Gen. Hoke, Col. Kirkland and others are native and to the manor born. Other gallant men, native residents of other States made no doubt come to our aid, but it so happens that North Carolinians claim work of any thing engaged.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT HOSPITAL NO. 3, WILMINGTON.

Private D. Phipps, Company A, 66 Regiment, contusion, slight.

Private D F Clark, Company F, 66th Regiment, leg slight.

Thos R Brown, Adj't 1st Battalion, contusion, slight.

Private F Strickland, Company E, 66th Regiment, leg, slight.

Private W Johnson, Company F, 10th Regiment, leg, slight.

Private D R Stanly, Company B, 7th Battalion foot, slight.

(From the Journal.)

CASUALTIES OF N. C. TROOPS AT FORT FISHER.

CONFEDERATE POINT,
Fort Fisher, N. C., 27th, 1864.

MESSRS. FULTON & PRICE:

Gentlemen.—The following is a list of the killed in the bombardment of the 25th inst., whose names were inadvertently omitted in the previous report:

Private Amos Hodgeson, 1st Talent's Scouts.
Private Wallace Murphy, Co F, 10th Reg't.
Private Ellis Travis, Co F 10th Battalion Junior Reserves.

Very respectfully,
LUTHER McKINNON,
Chaplain 2d Regt N C T.

LIST OF CASUALTIES AT FORT FISHER DURING ACTION OF 24TH AND 25TH NOVEMBER, 1864.

December 24—Killed—None.
Wounded—23.

Private H Hale, Co H, 36th regt, flesh wound in thigh—slight.

Private C Cherry Co F 36th reg't, wounded both legs severely, right leg amputated.

Private Benj Merrill, Co F, 36th, wounded in left arm, amputated above elbow.

Private A W Lewis, Co F, 36th reg't slight flesh wound in shoulder.

P A Foster, (seaman) wounded in mouth and right shoulder.

Pissed Midshipman Clarence Cary, in right leg—slight.

Private Asbi Rogers, wounded in left hand—slight.

J H Huggins, (seaman) right leg shot off, amputated upper third of thigh.

Sergt J H Johnson, Co F, 10th regt contusion of right arm.

Private D J Vincent, Co F, 10th reg't, slight in face.

Private R B Applewhite, Co F, 36 reg't, very severe in right shoulder.

Private John McLaughlin, Co H, 36th, slight in left thigh.

Private [illegible] Kelly, Co B, [illegible] in [illegible]

Private W Duncan, [illegible] contusion of knee—slight.

Private Henry Mumford, 36th, contusion of shoulder—slight.

Private Chas Grimsley, Co B, 36th, contusion of knee.

Private D J Clark, Co H, 36th, slightly wounded in left leg.

Private P W Johnson, Co F, 10th, contusion of the shoulder.

Lieut W Pringle, Co H, 36th, contusion from explosion of shell.

1st Sergt J H Benson, Co B, 36th, contusion of groin and contusion of right thigh.

Private Daniel McEachern, 36th, contusion of left thigh.

Killed—3. Wounded—26.—

Private Archibald Campbell, Co B, 36th regt, wound in left arm—slight.

Corp W W Best, Co F, 10th, fracture of outer table of frontal bone.

Private W P Carriker, Co C, 3d batt, flesh wound in hand, thigh and leg.

Private Elias Davis, Capt McCullom's Co Junior Reserves, killed.

Private J F Lassiter, co c, 3d batt, contusion of shoulder.

Private W T Phelps, co c, 3d batt, flesh wound of thigh.

Lieut T L Dornin, of Navy, great toe of right foot broken.

Saml Cauly, seaman, wounded by splinters in back—slight.

W F Jolly, seaman, burned by bursting of gun.

Thos Custin, (seaman,) contusion of back from explosion of gun—slight.

J S Briggs, (seaman,) contusion of knee—slight.

Corp W T Best, co F, 10th, comminuted fracture of left arm—severe.

Marin Passenger, (seaman,) lacerated wound in left breast.

Private A W Graves, Co C, 3d battalion, wound of hand—severe.

Private Tapsco Wilson, (seaman,) flesh wound of face.

Sergt Straker, Co G, 3d battalion, fracture with laceration of lower jaw and groin—severe.

Capt W C Strong, A D C to Gen Whiting, contusion of right hip—slight.

Adjt Brown, 1st N C Reserves, contusion of right hip.

Private N Vinsore, Co F, 10th regt contusion of face—slight.

Private V J Ward, Co C, 36th regt wounded in both legs, right leg amputated—since dead.

Sergt J B Jones, Co B, 40th regt contusion of face.

Private P P Chapman, Co A, 1st battalion, flesh wound of face—slight.

Private N S Toler, Co B, 36th regt, contusion of left arm.

Private G M Long, Co B, battalion Junior Reserves, slight wound in left shoulder.

Corp L H Perry, Co B, 36th regt, wounded in back from fragment of shell—slight.

Edward Duffy, (seaman,) wound in shoulder—slight.

J C Clark, Co B, 36th regt, wound of knee—slight.

D P Mellair Co B, 36th regt contusion of both legs.

Private R Bryant, Co B, 36th regt, contusion of both legs.

Sergt Mallortine, Co B, 36th regt, concussion from shell.

T Robinson, (seaman,) wound of head—slight.

Aurelius Weiden, (marine,) contusion of hip.

Private Henry Sutherland, Co B, 36th regt, wounded in right leg—severe.

Quincy Corrigan, Co D, 1st battalion, wounded head—degree unascertained.

Private David Campbell, Co B, 36th regt, fore arm broken.

Private J J Revels, Co K, 10th regt, wound of arm and burned with powder in face.

Private Miles Murphy, Co K, 36th regt, burned with powder in face.

Private Asbi B Jones, Pulson's Scouts—killed.

Private W Murphy, Co K, 10th regt—killed.

Total—Killed, 8. Wounded, 50.

JAMES A. MILLER,
Senior Surgeon.

THE ATTACK ON THE SAME WORKS.

The *Dispatch* of the 29th says:

We have received some particulars of the capture of the said works by the Yankee raiders.—They were attacked about one o'clock on Tuesday by the whole force of Butler's command, numbering about five thousand. The fight was kept up all the evening mainly with artillery, our forces being commanded by Colonel Ed. T. Pierson, and numbering, it is said, not more than seven hundred and fifty. When night set in, they still held their own; but, under cover of the darkness, the Yankees succeeded in reaching Fort Brookbridge, one of the most defensive of the place, in overpowering numbers, and capturing it. Colonel Pierson, seeing it impracticable to hold the works longer, then ordered the evacuation. He and three hundred of his men are known to have escaped safely.—It is believed that some others would succeed working their way out. The works were fired the next morning. It is believed, however, that no serious damage has been done, and that they will be in operation again in a month.—The Yankees did not remain long, and are reported to have left for East Tennessee. At Abingdon, we understand they destroyed two entire blocks of buildings, including the courthouse and jail, office of the *Virginian*, and private residences, besides the railroad buildings.

MORTAL THREATENED.—A Selma paper of the 22d ult., says:

It was reported last evening by passengers coming through that there was great excitement in Mobile on account of a threatened attack on that city, to repel which old and young had been called out. We do not think the enemy have force enough to take Mobile by land, but we form no opinion of their power to reduce the city by water.

Private Thrope said in the Richmond market, on Saturday, the 24th ult., at one hundred dollars each.

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Later from the North.

Richmond, Dec. 31.—The *Examiner* of the 30th and 31st received to-night.

Official dispatches from Sherman announce his army still in pursuit of Hardee, [illegible]

Gen. Cheatham [illegible] Nashville [illegible] Forrest.

[illegible] Lee [illegible] Gen. Hood [illegible] Atlanta [illegible] Augusta.

Admiral Wilkes has been appointed by Lincoln Governor of Illinois.

Richmond, Jan. 1.—The Baltimore *American* of the 29th received by flag of truce this morning supplies the Yankee prisoners.

A special telegram dated Columbia, 27th, says several prisoners who have just arrived from Florence report that the advance of Hood's army reached Florence on the 21st. During the whole of next day the infantry was crossing the river.

Forrest's force covered the enemy's retreat.

Dispatches from Fortress Monroe last night announcing the failure of the expedition against Wilmington, though claiming that a great deal of damage was done to Fort Fisher and the capture of a company of the enemy outside of the fort.

A torpedo boat, loaded with three hundred tons of powder, was exploded Saturday morning within three hundred yards of Fort Fisher.

Gold advanced and opened on Monday at 228½.

From Richmond.

Richmond, Dec. 31.—No Yankee papers received yesterday or to-day.

Heavy firing in the direction of Dutch Gap this forenoon.

Congressional proceedings to-day unimportant. No official news from any quarter.

A snow storm commenced this morning. Snow still falling rapidly, but melting as it reaches the ground.

Soldiers' New Year's dinner will be celebrated.

From Petersburg.

Petersburg, Jan. 1.—Shelling has continued to interrupt the quiet for some days past. Roads are in very bad order and military movements impracticable. A Yankee picket post was surprised in front of Wilcox's Division yesterday and forty prisoners captured. The soldiers of this army are looking forward with much interest to the New Year's Dinner, by the people, and are evidently much pleased at the movement. Their appetites are sharpened by rumors of good things in store for them. The citizens of Petersburg subscribed for the occasion thirty-five and forty thousand dollars to the object.

THOSE AS PREACHING.—An exchange says:

We read of the exploits, and they are getting quite common, of shrieking women, with pale and sorrow. War and politics are not the spheres for women. The domestic circle, home and public education, and the elevation of the race toward the perfection of refinement and civilization, are the paths where woman's love shines out in all its angelic loveliness. Even she can be useful and change the desolate to green fields and bloom and beautify the whole world. But when she assumes herself, assumes her feet in boots, her limbs in pantaloons, her body in a martial cloak, with a pistol slung to her side, she becomes a he-woman and is a monstrosity. Such women scout the law of nature—the civil book of etiquette—and by their conceit lose all modesty, self respect and frequently honor.

RETURNS DUETS OF GEN. PRICE.—We find the following dispatch in one of our Southern exchanges:

JACKSON, December 30.—Major Wardell, just from Shreveport, reports the death of Major General Price, at Dunlap's ferry, Independence county, Arkansas, on the 1st instant, of erysipelas.

NO MAILS.—We had no mails yesterday from any quarter. We suppose everything was "snowed under" by the storm of Saturday.

CITY ELECTION.

MAYORALTY WARD.

For Commissioner in Eastern Ward.—Having been solicited by many friends, I again announce myself a candidate for Commissioner for re-election, pledging my fidelity. If again elected, I shall endeavor to serve them faithfully and impartially; and in casting my votes in Council, I shall only vote for such measures as I shall honestly believe to be for the best interests and welfare of a majority of the people of the Ward.

I take the present opportunity to express my grateful thanks to my friends for the very large and flattering vote which they have heretofore been pleased to give me, and sincerely trusting they will be kind enough to renew their confidence on the coming election, I beg to subscribe myself,

Jan 2-td J. J. OVERBY.

**Standard copy till day.

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For Sale.

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